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Application No. : 09/832,668  
Applicant : Ljerka Ukrainczyk  
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Docket No. : SP01-076  
Customer No. : 22928  
Title : Filament Housing for Fiber Splicing and Lens Fabrication Processes

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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 81.116

Honorable Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 14, 2004, kindly amend the application identified above as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

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